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MEMORANDUM

To: National Freedom of Information Officer
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From: **Karen M. Wardzinski**
Chief, Law and Policy Section
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Re: FOIA 2017-04521- request by Graham Kates of MuckRock seeking memoranda or reports that reference the "Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice" or "EJ IWG."

Enclosed please find 8 records that are responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) by Graham Kates. These records originated with or are of primary interest to the Environmental Protection Agency. Accordingly, we are referring them to your office for direct response to the requester. We have included a copy of Mr. Kates's FOIA request. We have advised Mr. Kates of our referral.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Charles Smioldo at (202) 514-0424. We would appreciate receiving a copy of your final response. Thank you.

FOIA COVER SHEETJustice Management Division / Logistics Management ServicesMail Referral Unit, Landover Operations Center, RM 115**TO:**

Date	07/05/2017
Components/POCs	ENRD/Charles Smiroldo

REQUEST INFORMATION:

FOIA Tracking Number	EMRUFOIA062717-3
Requester	Graham Kates
Date of Request	06/27/2017
Date Received	06/27/2017
Processed By (initials):	SLM

REMARKS:

The MRU has reviewed the attached FOIA request and is sending it to your office for processing. A letter was also sent to the requestor advising him of this referral. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Gerstell on (202) 616-1633.

U.S. Department of Justice



Washington, D.C. 20530

July 5, 2017

Graham Kates
MuckRock
DEPT MR 39231
411A Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to your request for records, Tracking Number, EMRUFOIA062717-3. Your Freedom of Information Act and/or Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request was received by this office which serves as the receipt and referral unit for FOIA/PA requests addressed to the Department of Justice (DOJ). Federal agencies are required to respond to a FOIA request within 20 business days. This period does not begin until the request is actually received by the component within the DOJ that maintains the records sought, or ten business days after the request is received in this office, whichever is earlier.

We have referred your request to the DOJ component(s) you have designated or, based on descriptive information you have provided, to the component(s) most likely to have the records. All future inquiries concerning the status of your request should be addressed to the office(s) listed below:

FOIA/PA
Environment and Natural Resources Division
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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(202) 514-0424

Sincerely,

Evie Sassok, Assistant Director
Logistics Management
Facilities and Administrative Services Staff
Justice Management Division

Person, Linda

From: MRUFOIA Requests <MRUFOIARequests@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 3:34 PM
To: ENRD, FOIARouting (ENRD)
Subject: EMRUFOIA062717-3 (Kates, Graham)
Attachments: Kates, Graham (EMRUFOIA062717-3).pdf; Kates, Graham (EMRUFOIA062717-3).pdf

The Mail Referral Unit has reviewed the FOIA request below and is sending it to your office for processing. The request contains information that is specific to your organization. If you have any questions, then please contact Joe Gerstell at (202) 616-1633 or <<mailto:joe.e.gerstell@usdoj.gov>> joe.e.gerstell@usdoj.gov

From: 39231-80872949@requests.muckrock.com [<mailto:39231-80872949@requests.muckrock.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:37 PM
To: MRUFOIA Requests <MRUFOIARequests@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Freedom of Information Request: Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (Department of Justice)

June 27, 2017
Department of Justice
FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit
Department of Justice
Room 115
LOC Building
Washington, DC 20530-0001

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

All emails, memorandums or reports that reference the "Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice" or "EJ IWG", produced during the year 2016, and between January 1, 2017 and June 25, 2017.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Graham Kates

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Is this email coming to the wrong contact? Something else wrong? Use the above link to let us know.

For mailed responses, please address (see note):

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PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.
